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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1953

Cwmamman Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
Glanamman,
Carms.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1953

To the Chairman and Members of the Cwmamman Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for the year 1953.

My Report has been divided into two main sections:-

(1) Medical Statistics, and

(2) Sanitary circumstances of the area.

Part 2 has been written by the previous Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Rowlands, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for his help and co-operation in the work of the Health Department, and also his successor Mr. Morgan.

I also wish to thank the Members of the Council and the Staff for their help and interest at all times.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

Gladys M. Herbert,
M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District ... ... 756 Acres.

The Registrar General's Estimate of -

Resident Population for 1953 ... 4,424.

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books ... ... 1,235.

Rateable Value ... ... £11,423.

Product of a Penny Rate ... ... £40.

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VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	29	24	53
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	24	53

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for Cwmamman U.D. - 11.98
" Carmarthenshire - 14.08
" England and Wales - 15.5.

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	2

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births -

for Cwmamman U.D. - 37.73
" Carmarthenshire - 21.54
" England and Wales - 22.54

DEATHS

Male 37,
Female ..... 34.
Total 71

The Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for Cwmamman U.D. - 16.05.
" Carmarthenshire - 12.96
" England and Wales - 11.40.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES

There were no Maternal Deaths resulting from Pregnancy or Childbirth during 1953

	Cwmamman	Carmarthen shire	England and Wales
No. of Deaths	0	3	525
Rate per 1,000 total Births	0	1.2	0.76

INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age -

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	1	4

NEO-NATAL DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks -

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	2

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births -

	Cwmamman U.D.	Carm-arthen	England & Wales	London
Deaths under 4 weeks	37.73	22.85	-	-
Deaths under 1 yr. of age	75.45	34.48	26,8	24.8

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE

DISEASE	Male	Female
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	0	0
" Non- Respiratory	0	1
Diptheria	0	0
Measles	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	0	0
Cancer	9	6
Diabetes	0	0
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	7
Heart Disease	10	8
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	4
Influenza	0	0
Pneumonia	0	1
Bronchitis	2	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	0
Gastritis & Enteritis	1	1
Nephritis	0	1
Prostatic Diseases	1	0
Other Ill-defined Diseases	4	3
Motor Accidents	0	0
Other Accidents	1	0
All Causes	37	34

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DEATH RATES

DISEASE	Cwmamman U.D.	Carm-arthen	England & Wales	London
Tuberculosis -				
Respiratory	0.00)	0.23	0.20	0.24
" Non-Respiratory	0.22)			
Diptheria	.00	.00	.00	.00
Poliomyelitis	.00	.00	.01	.01
Cancer	3.39	2.00	-	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2.49			
Heart Disease	4.07			
Other Circulatory Diseases	1.13			
Influenza	.00	-	.16	.15
Pneumonia	.22	-	.55	.64
Bronchitis	.90			
Other Respiratory Diseases	.90			
Gastritis & Enteritis	.45			
Nephritis	.22			
Prostatic Diseases	.22			
Other Ill-defined Diseases	1.58			
Motor Accidents	,00			
Other Accidents	.22			
All Causes	16.05	12.96	11.40	12.50

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Number of Deaths from Cancer : Male - 9, Female - 6, Total - 15.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER

(Age Groups)

CAUSE	45 - 50		50 - 60		60 - 70		70 - 80		over 80		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Stomach							2	-	1		3
Colon					1					1	2
Lung	1										1
Genito Urinary			1			1	2	1		1	6
Other Sites						1		1	1		3
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	1	2	4	2	2	2	15

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications received for 1953 .... 53.

DISEASES	Cwmamman U.D. Notifications	Rate for Cwmamman U.D.	Rate for England & Wales
Scarlet Fever	0	.00	1.39
Whooping Cough	0	.00	3.58
Diptheria	0	.00	0.01
Measles	49	11.07	12.36
Puerp. Pyrexia	1	18.18	18.23
	(per	1,000 still &	live births)
Meningitis	1	.22	0.03
Pneumonia	2	.45	0.84
Acute Polio-myelitis	0	.00	0.11
TOTAL	53		

DIPTHERIA

No cases of Diptheria occurred in the area in 1953. It is gratifying to report that a greater number of children were immunised against this disease during the year. The numbers are:-

38 children, aged under 5 years received a full primary course.

24 children, aged 5 - 15 years received a full primary course.

202 children received a re-inforcing injection.

It is hoped that all parents will ensure that their children are given this protection during infancy - either by their family doctor or at the Infant Welfare Clinic, held on alternate Wednesdays at Bethesda Vestry, Glanamman.

TUBERCULOSIS

7 new cases were notified during the year, all respiratory.

Classification in Age Groups of New Cases Notified

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
Under 20	0	0
20 - 25	1	0
25 - 30	1	1
30 - 40	0	3
50 - 55	0	1
	2	5

TUBERCULOSIS

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

There was 1 death from this disease during the year, 1 female (non-respiratory).

Case and Death Rates from Tuberculosis

Area	Case Rates	Death Rates
Cwmamman U.D.	1.58	0.22
Carmarthenshire	1.43	0.23
England and Wales		0.20
London		0.24

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47

No action was required under this Act during the year.

HOUSING

Overcrowding

It was estimated that there were approximately 52 cases of overcrowding in the area.

12 cases were catered for in the allocation of Council Houses.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the area in May, 1953, and the following is a copy of the details of their Survey.

Analysis in Age Groups

	GRAND TOTAL	Under 15		15 - 24		25 - 34		35 - 44		45 - 59		60 & Over		TOTALS	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total Number examined	1336	1	3	63	65	126	141	164	149	221	196	121	86	696	640
Number found to be abnormal	264 or 19.76%	-	1	3	2	10	6	44	9	88	27	58	16	203	61
Classification of abnormal cases:- (a) Pulmonary tuberculosis	2 or 0.15%	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
(b) Requiring further observation	11 or 0.82%	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	3	2	2	-	-	6	5
(c) Other abnormalities of the Chest	251 or 18.79%	-	1	2	2	8	5	43	6	86	25	57	16	196	55

Abnormality	Total	Male	Female
Bony Abnormality	14	5	9
Bronchitis and emphysema	16	16	-
Bronchiectasis	4	3	1
Pulmonary Fibrosis	3	2	1
Pneumoconiosis	139	139	-
Basal fibrosis	14	9	5
Pleural thickening	4	2	2
Acquired Heart Disease	19	6	13
Abnormality of the diaphragm	5	3	2
Healed primary P.T.	13	5	8
Healed post primary P.T.	18	5	13
Intra-thoracic tumors	1	-	1
Consolidation of unknown cause	1	1	-
Totals:	251	196	55

PART 2

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1953

Details of Inspections carried out and the number of Notices served in the Year ended 31st March, 1953.

	DETAIL	NUMBER
1.	Dwelling houses inspected	42
2.	Informal Notices served in respect of these houses.	12
3.	Informal Notices complied with	2
4.	Statutory Notices served	13
5.	Statutory Notices complied with	12
6.	General food premises inspected	12
7.	Bakeries inspected	4
8.	Dairies inspected	2
9.	Ice-cream premises inspected	6
10.	Informal Notices served in respect of food premises	2
11.	Ditto. notices complied with	2
12.	Schools inspected	1
13.	Licensed premises inspected	10
14.	Informal Notices served in respect of these premises	7
15.	Notices complied with	5.
16.	Factories inspected	2
17.	Refuse tips inspected	2
18.	Premises visited re. infectious diseases	3
19.	Houses visited as a result of an application for a Council House.	34
20.	Miscellaneous visits	12

Signed:- J.G. ROWLANDS
SANITARY INSPECTOR.